

Lesbians HerStory. Come out! – We already have one.

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How can we search and find the resources of love between women in the past to improve our visibility of today?

The history of lesbians is an example of herstory. Some biographies are fascinating role models because: Lesbians of the past organized themselves to make sure they would survive during totalitarianism. I will present the biographies of various women, who loved women and were feminists, and also womens libber and suffragettes. They acted as differently as there lives had been. They developed many exciting strategies to improve feministic policies. Sometimes, they had success and they could increase the possibilities to come together and organize themselves as dykes. Sometimes they failed.

Knowledge about these stories, about this special part of the past is a very powerful resource to manage today and the future.

Lesbian herstory teaches, how to organize ourselves as feminists and as lesbians. And nevertheless, talking about our lives as lesbians* - is an important way to create lesbian tradition. Lesbians do have a big history – but there is a need of permanently claiming the his*her*story, to preserve a history of lesbians, to fill the archives, to save the sources and to inform the public.